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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Irene Clute, et al.
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) Group Art Unit 3644
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner of Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of November 4, 2005, please amend the application to place the claims in better condition for allowance and/or appeal as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A guidance device for a domestic animal comprising:
- a primary collar section having a first end and a second end;
 - a secondary collar section connected to one of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section; and
 - [means for reversibly connecting the secondary collar section and an other of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section,

said means for reversibly connecting having a longitudinal axis and being independent of internal rotation about said longitudinal axis, and

said means for reversibly connecting having] a reversible fastener [for attaching] being attached at a first end to a first connection, being [to] one of the secondary collar section and the other of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section,

said reversible fastener having a moveable latch for reversibly attaching to complete a connection between the secondary collar section and the other of the first end and

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